



Mexican Mission Headquarters



The above photograph was taken of the local church and its building lately purchased as headquarters for our mission work in Mexico, located in the city of Ciudad, Obregon. The purchase of this property was ordered by the Mission Board at the last Assembly. This property is paid for and two missionaries are working out of this station. We have thirty members there and the work is growing. Mission funds are very low at this time and we earnestly appeal to you in behalf of the Mission cause.

The 28th Annual Assembly will Convene October 7 to 13, Inclusive

H. E. Raney

NOTICES

Edition of the Evangel containing the Y. P. E. department for the month of January can be supplied for a few days at 5c per copy under 10 copies, 4c per copy for between 10 and 25 copies; 3c per copy over 25 copies.

To the dear Church of God people everywhere, do you know any one by the name of Mrs. Lairy Worford or her husband whose name is Eugene Worford? They are my sister and brother-in-law. The last time I heard from my sister she was in Oklahoma somewhere. I would like to hear from them.

Does any one know of any kind of work that I and my children could get to do to make a living? We would like to get where we could attend church as most of us belong to the Church of God. We could farm or work at most any kind of work. There are my four children and I. I have one boy eighteen years old. All of them are large enough to work. We have been here at this town fourteen years and I would like to change. I am a good seamstress. I can do all kind of sewing.—Rosa May Wells, Box 517, Marked Tree, Ark.

The Church of God at Poplar Grove, Ark. wishes to hear from the following at once concerning their spiritual condition: Florene McCullar, Annie Youngblood, Will Prichard and Biby Prichard. If not heard from at once your name will be excluded from our list.—Cyrus McKnight, clerk, Rt. 1, Poplar Grove, Ark.

Birmingham and Dora, Ala. districts convention will convene at Sumiton, Ala. beginning Thursday night, Feb. 9 at 7:00 p. m. and continuing Friday morning 9:45 a. m. and afternoon 2:00 p. m., adjournment 4:00 p. m. At 7:00 p. m. Y.P.E. service, Colon Dunn, state superintendent of Y. P. E., in charge. We are expecting representatives from each church in the above named districts.—Yours, W. W. Harmon, overseer of Alabama.

The district convention for the Manatee, Fla. district will convene at Manatee March 3-5 inclusive. We insist that all ministers and deacons in the district attend. Let's make it one hundred per cent, also let the Sunday School superintendents, clerks, treasurers, church presidents and all officers of the Young People's Endeavors be there. Let's prove to our overseer we are loyal and mean to carry on for the Church of God and her interest. To all the churches in the district: Let's try our very best to raise our quota on the state camp ground indebtedness and do our best on the indebtedness at Headquarters.

Come on pastors in the district! Encourage your people to attend the convention with a good report. You remember the wise man said, A good report makes fat the bones.

Brother E. W. Williams, our state

overseer, will be in charge of the convention led by the good Holy Ghost. We are expecting Brother R. P. Johnson to be there in the midst of a sin killing, devil driving revival, so fix up a basket of good things to eat for Sunday, the last day, and let's come together and honor God.—Humbly, I. H. Marks, district overseer.

WANTED: A good gospel tent. Must be in good condition. State price and terms in first letter. Address J. B. Cole, Box 212, Epps, La., overseer of Louisiana.

On the first Sunday in February our revival is to begin here at the Church of God in Sesser, Ill. Brother Z. D. Simpson, pastor of West Frankfort church, will be in charge to do the preaching. The meeting is to begin on the date given above at one o'clock p. m. with an all afternoon singing. The saints from West Frankfort, Johnston City, Benton, Christopher and probably some from Mt. Vernon are expected to be with us at that time. In fact we now invite one and all who read this or even hear of it to come and be with us.

We have a real fine band of saints here at Sesser of which we are real proud and I think more of the new pastor than any who has ever been here before. So come and let's have a good time in the Lord together.—Luther A. Richard, pastor.

The Church of God at Valdosta, Ga. wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Mrs. Jennie McNair, F. S. Williams, Mrs. Carbill McNair, Mrs. E. L. Kingsey, Mr. Paul Hardmann. If not heard from by next conference their names will be dropped.—S. Webb, Rt. 3, Valdosta, Ga.

We are starting a revival at the new church building at Switzer, W. Va. We request prayer for the success of the meeting.—C. H. Blankenship.

I would be so glad if some good sister or brother would come this way and help us hold up the blood stained banner. I am a member of the Church of God at Akron, Ohio. There is not a Church of God here. I stand on the Word of God, foursquare for the Church of God. There are plenty of Jesus only people here. I ask all to pray for me.—Your unworthy sister, M. J. Hall, Elizabeth, W. Va., Rt. 4.

Being duly appointed by our state overseer as superintendent of the Y. P. E. of Mississippi, I want to do my best this year for the young people. We have as fine young people as I have ever seen, talented, only waiting for a chance. I want to hear from all the pastors in regard to your young people. "It is high time to awake from our sleep." The young people are advancing rapidly. Shall we open the door and let them in? Our state overseer has promised us a state convention with the Sunday School work. Come on young people, let's have the best con-

vention in any of the states. We can do it! We have the hearty cooperation of the state overseer, Brother McClendon. I would like to get in touch with all of the Y. P. E's in Mississippi.

I am praising God for the wonderful way He is keeping us. We are located now in Morgantown, Miss. We were glad when the new edition of the Evangel reached us. God bless Sister Harrison! The little magazine has been such a blessing to the young people and I am sure it will be a greater one in its new dress. We are looking for great things in Mississippi this year. Our overseer is a hustler and is stirring things up. Let each minister and church stand by him and our God will bless. I am still in the evangelistic work and those who want me to assist in meetings write me at Morgantown, Miss. I will give you a date for the meeting. God bless all the saints.—Mrs. S. J. Heath, Morgantown, Miss.

I would be so glad if some one would move in here and help build up a work for the Lord. Sometimes I feel like a little sheep way out among wolves. I have been praying for the two years I have been here for the Lord to put it on somebody's heart to come this way and help me preach holiness to this people. I have something to praise God for. He has saved several and sanctified some and filled one with the Holy Ghost. The devil is mad and he has been doing all he could against me and I want every one who reads this to pray for me that I may let my light shine.

If the Lord puts it on your heart to come this way we would be glad to have you. I am the only Church of God member in this country but I know Jesus will find me when He comes. Praise His name! Please pray for me and my family that we will be drawn closer to the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Janie Herring, Orrum, N. C.

This is to notify the pastors and superintendents of Missouri and Kansas that Rev. R. C. Ogles, 1217 Toma St., Joplin, Mo. is appointed state Sunday School superintendent, and Rev. G. P. Gowers, Box 23, Bonne Terre, Mo. state superintendent of the C. of G. Y.P.E.—W. J. Milligan, state overseer.

I want to report about the Orangeburg, N. Y. Church of God Y. P. E. When we started the church in a cottage prayer meeting a young girl fourteen years of age attended our services dressed in boy's clothing, by the name of Florence George, better known as Topsy. We know that God can and does work miracles. This girl got saved and sanctified and joined the Church of God. A week ago Topsy was selected as president of the Y. P. E. and I gave her a general idea how to conduct a Y. P. E. service. She just had one week until the first Y. P. E. was held and it went over so big that she had thirty-three out for the first service and a young man about eighteen years old

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Righteousness Exalteth A Nation

Sin Is A Reproach to Any People

By S. W. LATIMER, Gen. Overseer

Text: Prov. 14:34

THERE has never been a time in the history of the world, and especially in America, when the people were so distressed and perplexed over conditions. It seems that the people fail to realize that all these things are the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. It has been said by those who are in position to know that the world is sick. Dan. 12:10 says the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. The Apostle Paul wrote by inspiration many centuries later and said, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Tim. 3:13.

I am giving you a few statistics of the extravagant waste of money in the United States:

"\$1,847,000,000 burned up in tobacco. How many missionaries would this support?

\$820,000,000 guzzled down in soft drinks and ice cream.

\$934,000,000 for theatres, movies and shows mostly wasted.

\$639,000,000 for our sweet tooth.

\$87,000,000 to keep jaws going between meals.

\$453,000,000 for jewelry.

\$261,000,000 for perfumes and cosmetics.

"Our joy ride and neglect of God, His Word and His Church," says Mr. Pike, 'is costing us three and one half billions of dollars in crime. As Dr. Beskin says, a billion more than the annual cost of our automobiles and a billion and a half more than we spend for public school education, and more than three and a half times the value of our annual wheat crop.

"When you take the figures of our surety companies they prove that Uncle Sam is burning up his resources all too fast in this national joy ride.

"Burglars, \$225,000,000; Bandits, \$50,000,000; Common thieves, \$150,000,000; Fraudulent bankrupt and credit swindlers, \$100,000,000; Forgers and check raisers, \$125,000,000; Stock and Land frauds and confidence games, \$2,000,000,000.

"Here is \$2,775,000,000 that we hand over annually to criminals. When in order to bring some of them to justice and take care of them we pay the grand total of three and a half billions."—Taken from "Prophecy."

No business can long exist when it spends the greater part of the profits for pleasure and for things that do not add to the value of the business. There are but few religious organizations in the United States that are taking a stand against such wasteful and extravagant expenditures. This only brings to our minds the vivid picture of the awful condition in not only the United States but the entire world.

It is stated by good authority that twenty-two chapels in Paris are given over to the worship of the devil. They call their religious gathering the "Black Mass." They meet in these chapels every Friday. They have a three hour program given over to satan worship. They have a high priest sitting at the left of the altar. A procession slowly advances down the aisle of the chapel, making a profound bow to the priest. A censer is swung below the altar so that while the place is filled with the smell of incense a chant is sung while God and Christ are cursed and the devil praised as the source of happiness, life, and goodness. They exclaim, "O Lucifer, immensely without limits, beauty, perfection, utterance, love; we offer thee our bodies, our hearts, our souls. Take possession of us. Give us strength to make thy cause triumph against Christ and against all superstitions and errors of Christianity." The Black Mass ends in an orgy of hysterics, the low, filthy demonstrations that follow last are too vile to print. (This information taken from "Prophecy.")

This shows how far this wicked world has gone into sin and degradation. In many places devil worship is now estab-

lished and, sad but true, in our blessed United States there is The Society of the Damned, and many others too numerous

to mention, showing that they are following in the wake of these ungodly people who care nothing for salvation nor themselves. It is stated that in Russia they have built a monument to Judas Iscariot. An inscription on this monument is praising him for his betrayal of the Christ. These are just a few things that are happening in this world and prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the coming of Jesus is on us.

There has been a sweeping change in the last twenty years, not only in America but the entire world, but there is one thing that Christians should take great consolation over and that is that the hand of God turns every key. Men may propose but God disposes, and it seems to our minds that Israel is the master key which opens the gates of time, especially to the times in which we now live. Since Jerusalem was delivered from bondage to the Turks events have moved swiftly. Powers behind scenes have been stirred into action. Everywhere a great change has come over the world. The students of prophecy can only discern the signs of the times by the light of God's inspired Word. Though some of the conditions that prevail now have prevailed before, never have they all prevailed together and with such marked emphasis. This sudden emergency of new world movements followed closely upon the deliverance of Jerusalem and the declaration that Palestine was again to become the national home of the Jews. Only a few years ago Russia was under the sway of incomparable czar, a monarch whose constitutional powers were as great as his personal character was weak. Today, since the deliverance of Jerusalem, Russian Bolshevism having murdered the incomparable czar and seeking an alliance with Germany, Persia and Turkey, pursues an ambition to Bolshevise the world. Italy, for centuries weak and impoverished, today rivals Russia in her claims to rule

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"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."—Eph. 4:16.

SMALL CHURCHES BEST ATTENDED

Mr. Babson says that the larger the community, the smaller the church attendance and gives the following figures at which he has arrived after careful study: "In incorporated areas and villages under 2,500 population, the churches showed an average attendance of 71 per cent. This dropped to 66 per cent in villages of 3,500 to 5,000 population. Towns of 5,000 to 10,000 showed an attendance average of only 46 per cent. In the cities of 10,000 to 60,000 the attendance was 42 per cent. Cities of more than 50,000 population could show an average attendance of only 30 per cent."—The United Presbyterian.

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TECHNOCRACY

For now sometime the newspapers have been carrying considerable news and comment concerning the above subject. They advocate state control, they themselves, of course, supervising the job contending that they have a solution for the world's paralyzed condition.

We are at a loss to know after mechanical science through the invention of machinery has thrown twelve million men out of employment what invention they have to put these men back to work. The fact is that state control is a twin brother to sovietism, but if I am correctly informed, the American Society of engineers has adopted the fasces as their emblem which was an old Roman majestic mark of authority and identifies itself in some sense with Rome, but in either instance state control or the spread of the power of the fasces is foreign to American policies.

From the Bible we learn that God planned men to own their homes and lands and if these were sold it could not be for a longer period of time than the year of Jubilee which was every fiftieth year. That which advocates state control thru capitalism is foreign to the spirit of the commonwealth of religious people. I see no difference in the poor being dominated by capital and the government taking its place and reducing all private citizens to slaves. Whatever power departs from divine order does not design the good or general welfare of mankind. Therefore technocracy is evidently a working of the spirit of the Antichrist trying to draw the industries under the authority of the state where the Antichrist could more closely and readily seize its reins.

Quoting from Dan. 7:25, He shall wear out the saints of the most High, and

think to change times and laws, which according to Dan. 2:21 belongs to the Lord Himself. Therefore, that which seeks to change the divine order of the commonwealth among the people reducing them to slaves of the government is particularly a spirit of the working of the Antichrist whether it comes thru the government or engineers or other society.

APOSTASY

Professor Hornell Hart of Byrn Mawr College says that the recent social trend in the United States points to the setting aside of previous Christian standards and setting up some form of new religion different from traditional Christianity as Christianity is from Judaism. This religion, he goes on to state, is the rise of a "social gospel" or a rise to "open-minded religion." The question naturally arises, Is such possible? We answer in the light of the Scripture in behalf of Christianity that it is not, yet on the other hand we would find that the world will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived because the carnal mind is enmity against God for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Therefore what Professor Hart terms the rise of a new religion is only a falling away from true religion and clasping hands with the world.

Just here it would be well to read 2 Tim. 3:1-8. These verses describe the reason for a departure from New Testament standards of religion and also define what will be the outcome. In V. 8 these also resist the truth. Men of corrupt minds reprobate concerning the faith. V. 9 names the limit and success of such religion as Jannes and Jambres came to a sudden stop, even so it is here declared they shall proceed no farther for their folly shall be manifest unto all men as theirs also was. The supposed new religion Professor Hart mentions is only folly, "And in his folly he shall go astray." Thus it is only a departure from inspired truth.

CHURCHES AND COLLEGES

The Literary Digest speaks concerning the "survival of the fittest" regarding colleges and churches. Concerning colleges, only one out of 44 year colleges have been closed because of financial lack. One out of every 45 hospitals and only one in every 2,344 churches. In the same article it is pointed out that business usually borrows for expansion about 50 per cent of its value but that our philanthropic institutions have usually raised money before they expanded, consequently there is only 10 per cent aggregate debt on all our 210,000 church edifices and only 4 per cent aggregate debt on the property and endowment of 680 colleges.

It would seem that these institutions financed generally from a standpoint of charity are the strong and more able to weather the storms than our other business institutions. This proves the strength of charity and that there is perhaps more interest in religion and education than is generally allowed for.

Where Are The Dead?

By PAUL H. WALKER

MINOT, N. DAK.

THE object of this article on the vital subject "Where are the Dead?"

is to help those concerned regarding the abode of the soul that departs this life. Many tell us that after death we sleep in the grave awaiting the resurrection. It is true that the body sleeps and smolders back to mother earth, but we are concerned about the soul of the just and the unjust. If the body were the soul, and the soul were the body, then there would be no question to consider, but since the soul is spiritual, immortal, volitional, and eternal, then we must understand that it exists in the reality of another clime.

In the next article I hope to consider the subject "What is Man?" thus conveying to the minds of the readers man's eternal, spiritual, and immortal part.

Job 14:10, "But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" This is one of the greatest questions for consideration among many. There are those who declare that it is immaterial regarding our estate after death, and say, "I do not care to know." Others say we die and all that befalls us befalls an animal. But I do not believe we should take the matter lightly. Let us turn to the scriptures on which we base our eternal hopes and consider them.

1 Thess. 4:13, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." Here Paul admonished the church at Thessalonica not to be ignorant concerning them that sleep. Therefore, we need not be ignorant.

WHERE DO WE GO AFTER DEATH?

Gen. 37:35, "I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him." (R. V., "go down to SHEOL to my son mourning.") Yet, Jacob said in the verse above that, "Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces." Jacob evidently thought that Joseph was in the belly of a lion or some other beast, yet he said, "I will go down (not up, but down to Sheol) to my son." We must conclude here that Jacob knew his son had a soul and that it went down.

Sheol, pit, Hades, and grave mean the same in many places. Jacob said, "I will go down to the grave to my son," yet his son was supposed to have been devoured, thus we see grave here is equivalent to Sheol. Sheol is a Hebrew word equivalent to the Greek word "Hades." King James translates thus: pit three times, grave thirty-one times, and hell thirty-one times. They did not seem to understand the divisions in Sheol, thus a slight confusion. But we wish to say that the Old Testament saints went down until Jesus came and then there was a change.

WHAT KIND OF A PLACE IS SHEOL?

having all five of his senses. Again we see another person, Lazarus, having a good time in Abraham's bosom or the upper division of Sheol. Between the two was a great gulf fixed so that neither of them could pass from one place to the other. The lower part of Sheol was a place of the wicked dead, being tormented, and the upper was a place of the Old Testament righteous, being in comfort, a great gulf between. We will take this up with the remaining part of the article.

WHERE IS SHEOL LOCATED?

My answer is, In the heart of the earth. Sixty-five Old Testament passages refer to Sheol. Thirty of them tell us it is down, the others do not give any direction at all. But Jacob said, "I will go DOWN to Sheol to my son." David said in Psa. 63:9, "But those that seek my soul to destroy it, shall go into the LOWER PARTS of the EARTH." In Rom. 16:32, 33 we see a pit more than six feet deep, and I believe the above scripture to clearly state the location of Sheol.

WHERE DID JESUS GO WHEN HE DIED ON THE CROSS?

My answer is, Into the heart of the earth; namely, SHEOL (Paradise). In Matt. 12:40 Jesus said, "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the HEART OF THE EARTH." Now we turn to Luke in order to determine for sure the destiny of the righteous departed. (We have found that Jacob's son would have gone down if he had died. Jacob said he was going down, and Jesus went down into the heart of the earth; namely, Sheol, so let us consider another.) Luke 23:43, Jesus said to the repentant thief on the cross, "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Where? in Paradise? Yes, and it was in the heart of the earth. And that very day the converted convict went with Jesus to Paradise. I might say further that the comma in the second clause of V. 43 is in the correct place thus conveying the truth.

In 1 Peter 3:18, 19, "For Christ also hath suffered for sins, the just for the unjust (Jesus the just one), that he might bring US to God, being put to death in the FLESH (not spirit), but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison." V. 20, "Which sometime were disobedient, * * * in the days of Noah." Those souls that went down to a watery grave in Noah's day Jesus preached to. Zechariah spoke of them in 9:11, 12, "And for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy PRISONERS out of the PIT (Sheol) wherein is no water. Turn you to the strong hold,

ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee." This prophetic statement was fulfilled in Jesus as recorded in the Epistle of Peter to which we have referred.

DID JESUS STAY IN SHEOL?

No. Thank God! He said, "I am he that liveth and was dead, and BEHOLD I am alive for ever more, and have the keys of death and hell (Sheol, Hades)." Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of David in Psalm 16, and Peter stated the fulfillment in Acts 2:25-32. "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Jesus broke the bands of death and hell asunder and arose out of that dark domain, and today is seated on the right hand of the Majesty on high. Thank God for an all-conquering Christ.

DID THE SAINTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT GO TO HEAVEN?

They went down to Sheol, heart of the earth. John 3:13, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." This is to be applied before the crucifixion. Moffatt's translation, "And yet the Son of man, descended from heaven, is the ONLY one who has ever ascended into heaven."

"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things." Eph. 4:8-10. In this scripture we see the work of Jesus who went down into Sheol for the specific purpose of delivering the prisoners of hope out of the prison house, and then ascended up far above all heavens and took with Him the saints of the Old Testament. See Matt. 27:50-52. This is proof of their resurrection. Hosea 13:14, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave (Scolfield says Sheol), I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plague; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." Here Hosea looked down the corridor of time and saw the purpose of Jesus carried out in the delivering of the prisoners from the power of the grave (Sheol).

Matt. 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell (Hades, Greek) shall not prevail against it." Jesus here referred to the Old Testament church which the gates of hell prevailed against, but the one He was to build or establish would not be prevailed against by the gates of hell, as when we step off the stage of action here we go up to Paradise and not down, for Jesus has come and led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. Some think that the gates of hell mean trials and persecutions, etc., but not so in the proper setting of the scripture, as He was here giving the New Testament church that which the Old Testament church did not have. Hence the gates of hell (Hades)

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The Silent Architect and His Work

By J. P. HUGHES

AND the house * * * was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building," 1 Kings 6:7.

Five hundred years after the exodus Solomon completed the tremendous work of building the magnificent temple, projected by the Architect of the Universe. It was quite natural for the Israelites, after they had reached the promised land, to aspire to the work of building a temple in honor of God. Before they could accomplish this cherished project, however, there was much preliminary work to be done. Many difficulties were to be overcome and a protracted period necessarily elapsed; nevertheless there was a gradual working up to the starting point.

David was anxious to build this temple which was to be known as "The house of God," but the one insuperable obstacle was in his way—he could not get the fiat of God. Being a man of blood it was not for him to commence to build the house in which God would choose to set His name. This sacred work was left to Solomon, David's wise son, to begin and carry it to its completion in more peaceful times. "In the fourth year of his reign were the foundations of the house laid and in the eleventh year was the house finished throughout in all parts thereof. So he was seven years in building it."

Never were grander preparations, never a more magnificent temple. It was simple and beautiful from massive foundation-stones to fine-twined curtains. Silently, majestically its massive walls rose toward heaven without the sound of hammer or ax, for its stones had been chiseled in the quarry, and its beams had been fitted to their places amid the forests of Lebanon. There was no busy hum or clamor, no voice of the mason calling to the carpenter, no turmoil and confusion as silently the sacred work moved on.

This is God's method in all His work. In the six great creative acts in which our world was brought into existence there is no intimation of noisy sounds or clamor. Even now the mighty changes in the processes of nature are carried on silently. The seasons follow each other without sound. The rose bud opens silently. So with the falling of the snowflakes and the revolving of the stars. The train rattles along at the rate of sixty miles an hour and we are wearied with the constant noise, but our planet speeds thru space at sixty thousand miles an hour, and in the midst of the tremendous whirl we can hear the hum of the bee, the flutter of the bird's wing, and the beating of one's heart. Light travels one hundred and eighty-six thousand miles per second, yet noiseless and without clamor.

FORCE, LAW and MIND are the three factors in the process of nature. FORCE

cannot be defined. We say it is whatever sets matter in motion, but the word "whatever" suggests the problem of explaining force. We say the apples fall to the ground by the force of gravitation, but what is that? A tree is shattered by the lightning and we call it electric force; but who has defined electricity? A mushroom grows up in the night; the power within is vital power, but what is vital power? The fact is obvious, but who can explain.

LAW—force works thru law. A miracle is force working thru law without the intervention of secondary causes. The first miracle wrought in Cana of Galilee was as silent as the distilling in the vineyard. Jesus commanded that the water pots be filled. Then He said, "Draw out now and bare to the governor of the feast," but who of the company knew when the change from water to wine took place?

MIND—the forces that operate thru law in the process of nature and also in miraculous events are superintended by the Infinite Intellect. We may look abroad in nature and see that the process is directed by a Mind Infinite.

The natural and spiritual kingdoms are both developed by the same rule, therefore, nature becomes a witness to the kingdom of God. In His parables, Jesus used the things of nature to illustrate the power of the spiritual kingdom. "The king of God cometh not with observation." Not with pomp and show and noise, but like the mustard seed, germinating in silence and silently growing till it becomes large enough for the fowls to lodge in its branches! Like the leaven hid in the meal which silently but surely worked till the whole was leavened!

We are now in the province of God's grace. Grace is an inscrutable force, working thru the law of love under the supervision of an Infinite Mind. The beginning of a Christian life is as mysterious as crossing the tropics, and as real as the air we breathe. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth, so is every one that is born of the Spirit." Jno. 3:8. No mistake about the wind blowing, but who can describe its course. There is no doubt about our spiritual birth, but who of us can define the force by which we were regenerated. The process is like the drawing of the magnet. All the subsequent life of a Christian is under the same gentle influence. Our gracious God would build our souls into temples fit for His indwelling, but He would build without the sound of hammer or ax. He is the author of peace and does not build in confusion or clamor.

"Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God by

Jesus Christ," 1 Pet. 2:5. We believe this spiritual house that Peter speaks of being built up, is the Church that Jesus said He would build. The temple that God designed and permitted Solomon to build was a type of the Church of God. Solomon could build the temple because he was peaceful and not a man of war. Jesus could build the Church because He was Prince of peace and the Architect of the Universe. The temple was built of stone "made ready" before it was brought to the place of construction. So does Jesus prepare the lively stones before they are added to His Church. His building must be a spiritual work, therefore, it must be built without the noise of clamor or confusion.

As the walls of the magnificent temple majestically, mysteriously and peacefully arose to its ultimate completion, so it is with the Church of God. With the Son of God as superintendent, designer, and builder, its foundations of faith and love were peacefully laid. Its massive walls of truth, gifts and governments majestically arose. God, thru the work of His Son, set the members in the body as it pleased Him. 1 Cor. 12:18. As in the six creative acts, the Infinite Mind adjusted all things to their proper uses—the seasons to silently follow each other, the rose bud to quietly unfold its beauty, the eye to see, the nose to smell, the ear to hear—so was the building of the Church of God. "This is a great mystery: But I speak concerning Christ and the church."

Jesus announced that He would build His Church after God had revealed Him to His followers. The Church was built thru divine revelation, without the noisy sound of tumult or clamor and it must be maintained by the same rule. God, save the Church from so much noise in these days of confusion and peril. "For God is not the Author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints," 1 Cor. 14:33. When we speak of noise we do not refer to the shouts of victory in the services, but to the useless discussions in the business and about the doctrine of the Church.

Paul told the saints at Ephesus that they were fellow citizens with the saints (Jewish saints) and of the household of God. In 1 Tim. 3:15 it is made clear that the house of God and the Church of God are identical, therefore, the saints at Ephesus being of the household of God they were of the Church of God and constitute the church at that place that is designated as one of the seven churches of Asia. Paul further told the Ephesian church that they were built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the "chief corner stone." This shows that the church at Ephesus was built, and had a foundation. Addressing them as a building, Paul further said, "In whom (Jesus Christ) ALL the building fitly framed together

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[[Then Shall We Know]]

Text: 1 John 1:7.

If We Follow on to Know The Lord

By EARL PAULK

BUT if we walk in the light. The thought of our lesson is, these people already had a knowledge of the Lord, but were admonished by the prophet to follow on (a continuation of following) to know Him. In other words, to know more about Him and have a greater experience.

Some one may question if an individual has a knowledge of the Lord or an experience, is it possible to get a greater experience? Yes, it is possible if we walk in the light, that is, to follow on to know the Lord. It is left up to the individual whether they go on or not. We see from reading the Word that the twelve disciples of Jesus had a knowledge and an experience of the Lord before they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Matt. 19:28. The disciples were inquiring who could be saved. After the iniquity of the young rich ruler Peter answered and said unto him, "Behold we (the twelve) have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have (present tense) followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Of course, this has reference to a future event, that is, concerning the judging part, but the thought is, they had already followed Him (Jesus) in regeneration and had a knowledge of Him. They were preaching the Gospel and healing the sick, etc. and yet we see them following Him on into a deeper and greater experience. They were not yet sanctified, for the blood had not yet been shed, and they could not be sanctified until the blood was shed (Heb. 13:12) and were not yet filled with the Holy Ghost, for the Holy Ghost was not yet given. St. John 7:39. Likewise we see in Luke 10 where Jesus appointed other seventy also (Luke 10:1) and sent them forth to preach the Gospel and heal the sick, etc. and in the 17th verse we see where the seventy returned with joy (had an experience) saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." In the 20th verse He tells them in reply not to rejoice "because the devils are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." So we see beyond a doubt that they had an experience, even their names written in heaven. But yet they were to follow Him and His instructions to Pentecost. We are to walk in the light as He is in the light, and He was filled with the Holy Ghost. Luke 4:1.

We find in St. John 17 where Jesus was praying for His followers and in the 16th verse He said, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the

world." My, what a wonderful experience they had—not of the world, even as He (Jesus) was not of the world. And yet in the next verse He prayed for them to be sanctified. Now what is the thought there? It is that there was a greater experience for them and He wants them to walk in the light as He Himself did walk, follow on to know the Lord. In the 19th verse He said, "For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified." So we see Him, our loving Pattern or Example, going before, marking out the way for His followers to come after Him.

In St. John 14:16 we hear Him speaking to His followers to this end, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." The Comforter, of course, is the Holy Ghost. St. John 14:26. Did the disciples have an experience at this time? Surely they did! The Holy Ghost was even dwelling with them, and yet they were not filled with the Holy Ghost. The 17th verse says, "Even the Spirit of truth whom the world (unconverted) cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him but ye know him (had a knowledge of him) for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you" (future tense). The thought is, He already was dwelling with them and they were moved by Him and yet He was to come into them (be filled). It is one thing to be moved by the Holy Ghost and another to be filled with Him. Peter speaking of the old prophets and their prophesying said, "The prophecy of old time came not by the will of man but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The prophets were not filled with the Holy Ghost, but were moved by Him.

Again we hear Jesus speaking to His followers in Luke 24:49, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you." What was the promise He was speaking of? The promise of the Father is the Holy Ghost. Acts 1:4-5; Acts 2:37-39. God had promised His Son if He would come and shed His blood to cleanse the temple of man, He would send the Holy Ghost which is in you (these folks had been filled) which ye have of God, and ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price (blood of Jesus), therefore, glorify God in your body." We are bought with the price of the blood of the Son of God (1 Peter 1:18-19) and when we are filled with the Holy Ghost He is in us, which Jesus said He would be, which we have of God (the Promise of the Father). In other words, God the Holy Ghost, as God the Son, or Son of God, after telling them of the promise of the Father that

would endue them with power, He led them out as far as Bethany and blessed

them. The time had come for them to go on into a greater experience and, glory to His precious name, He led them and they followed Him to Bethany and then He lifted up His hands and blessed them and sent them on their way to Jerusalem with great joy (had an experience). Then that number (120, Acts 1:15) of preachers and the women continued with one accord in prayer and praising and blessing God, and when the day of Pentecost had fully come they all were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit (Holy Ghost) gave the utterance.

Some may say, "After Pentecost the continuation of following on into a greater experience ceased." Let us examine the Scriptures and see. We find from reading Acts 8 that there came a great persecution against the Church of God, Stephen being stoned to death, etc. and the preachers were scattered abroad and went forth preaching the Word everywhere. V. 4. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them. V. 5. The people with one accord gave heed and there was great joy in that city. Now why was there great joy? It was because they were saved from their sins. How do we know that they were saved? Because V. 12 plainly states that the people believed and were baptized. Mark 16:16. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." So they had believed and were baptized and great joy was in that city. Why? Because the burden of sins had rolled away and they rejoiced in their happy Christ-forgiven souls. After all this great time of rejoicing and being baptized in water the apostles which were at Jerusalem (Headquarters of the Church) heard that Samaria had received the Word of God and they sent (government of the Church) unto them Peter and John who when they were come down prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:14-13. We see from reading V. 17 that when Peter and John came and laid hands on them they did receive the Holy Ghost, so we see from these Scriptures it is an undisputable fact that these people did get a greater experience; and how did they? They obtained it by walking in the light, following on.

Then turning to Acts 10 we find a man who was a devout one (devoted to religion, heartfelt—Dictionary) and one that feared God with all his house gave much alms to the people and prayed to God always. V. 2. V. 3 tells us that he (Cornelius) even had a vision and an angel of God came to him. My, what a great man of God and what a great experience he had with Him, seeing visions

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In Foreign Fields

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

My Trip to Mexico

J. H. INGRAM

DOUBTLESS our readers are awaiting some word from Mexico and wondering what has been done in the meantime with reference to our mission work in that country, since the money was appropriated at the 27th Annual Assembly in October for the purpose of purchasing a building for our Mexican Headquarters.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION

Some word of explanation may be necessary as to why this long delay in transacting this business, and of course, you have a perfect right to know since your contributions to the cause are involved in this matter.

First, the extra money needed to defray my expenses on the trip was not available for six weeks or so, then it took another three weeks to make the trip from California to Mexico, including the time spent in negotiating with the different authorities and others involved in the deal. Afterward another two weeks were spent in modeling the interior of the building in order that it may be better suited to the needs of the mission, and also conform to the rules of the Mexican authorities governing churches. So I hope these few explanatory remarks will suffice for the time.

ARRIVAL AT INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY LINE

On arrival at the International Boundary Line we were met by the lady who was the owner of the building we had under consideration to buy at Ciudad Obregon, and made arrangements to have her stop over and meet us a week later on her way to Mexico. In the meantime we made the remainder of the trip by train, it being 533 kilometers south of Nogales, Ariz., the port of entry. We were engaged in a few nights' meeting enroute, stopping at Nogales, Santa Ana and Hermosillo, Sonora.

IN NOGALES, SONORA

While at the border we were entertained in the home of Captain and Mrs. Roque Ortiz of the Salvation Army, who are carrying on relief work on both sides of the line, and have a Pentecostal church on the Mexican side with one hundred members. A wonderful revival was in progress there. The Captain himself has the Pentecostal experience of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and while we were engaged in a bedtime prayer in his home the last night we were there, his wife fell prostrate under the power of the Holy Ghost and began speaking and singing in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. In the meantime, hearing as it were wonderful music at a distance, she would demon-

strate with her hands as though she were playing musical instruments, finally lapsing into a trance as Peter the apostle did while praying on the house-top at Joppa. Acts 10:9, 10. She lay as dead for five hours and could scarcely speak in either the English or Spanish language for about twenty-four hours and would go dancing and skipping all over the house praising God at the slightest mention of the Lord, and she was so timid and backward before this. It was in reality the most wonderful baptism in the Spirit the writer had witnessed during the thirteen years of his ministry on both the home and foreign field. This makes eleven Salvation Army Captains and Lieutenants in this territory who have received the fulness of the Spirit and joined the ranks of the "Full Gospel Army." Praise God for the good, wholesome teaching received in the "Army" meetings, which served to prepare these folks for greater blessings which the Lord has in store for all His believing children. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all them that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:39.

Captain Ortiz and his wife say that they are candidates for membership in the Church of God and will bring in their congregation with them as soon as necessary arrangements can be made for a change, so as to keep in conformity with honorable procedure. His church is not organized with the Salvation Army as they are not recognized in Mexico.

You will pardon this belated statement with reference to Sister Ortiz's experience. I just wanted to mention that every one present was moved upon wonderfully by the Spirit, especially the writer, who under the anointing began to translate one of our popular songs into Spanish, singing at the same time.

AT SANTA ANA, SONORA

We stopped at Santa Ana on the way down, for one service, and had a nice gathering and the Lord blessed in a good way. We have thirty people who are ready to unite with the Church of God when the right time arrives, that is, when we can arrange for some kind of building for worship, as the Mexican government requires us to have some kind of a building dedicated solely to religious work, with a pool inside for baptizing as public baptizings are prohibited by law. We have several here waiting to be baptized, and some who have been indulging in common law marriages now wish to be legally married since they are converted and have light on the subject. Please remember these people when you

pray.

We made our next stop at Hermosillo, the state capital of Sonora, where we stayed three nights and had meeting the last two nights with considerable interest. We have about twenty-two members here who are looking forward to the establishment of a Church of God but are surrounded by circumstances similar to those at Santa Ana. They too are fit subjects for prayer.

While in the capital city we were lodged in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Pelaez, brother-in-law and sister of Sister Mary Atkinson, our Spanish Missionary. I wish to say that I never received a greater welcome anywhere, and I have traveled far and wide. In the eastern section of the United States people often make remarks about shaking hands "clear up to the thumb." That is putting it mild when it comes to Mexico, for they shake hands "clear up to the elbow." In most cases they fold the thumb inside the hand with the fingers slightly bent and with the body slightly inclined to the front extend the whole forearm, and in grasping you for a handshake they take your forearm in their hands and give you a good shaking, then reach up and give you a couple of slaps on each shoulder and it makes one shrink back at times, thinking they might make a slip and get you around the neck, when it comes to greeting the opposite sex.

Mr. Pelaez took great interest in showing us around the different places of interest in this quaint, first century looking, Spanish city with its narrow winding streets lined with markets and bazaars typical of old Spain. A tour of inspection thru the state house and federal palaces, with a visit to the stately Catholic cathedral where a service was in progress, was most interesting. As we viewed the busy worshippers who in their wild frenzy to do something which would appease the wrath of an angry God passed from one image to another apparently bestowing kisses and at the same time making the sign of the cross and mumbling as they bowed low, while aromatic smoke from the burning incense pots was gently wafted upward, pervading the atmosphere which tended to make the scene more sickening, I felt like saying in the words of the poet, "Pity, but do not condemn, I pray," or perhaps the language of our Savior from the cross would have been more appropriate, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Sister Atkinson was along on this occasion and said to our escort, "Let's get out of here. I am made to think of the time when I was in this very temple engaged in painting the faces of these images and dressing them up in their saintly attire." As we hurriedly left I could picture in my mind a wonderful contrast between her service then and now since she is engaged in helping people get to God in order that their faces may shine, not with cheap paint applied by human hands, but because the light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them, and

furthermore, they are clothed with garments of salvation. One other thing to be noticed is she still has images for her subjects, however, they are supposed to be images of God, for in His image created He them, male and female.

The next thing which we noted with interest was the wonderful system of schools, including private, city, state and federal institutions. We were taken on a visit to the famous "Cruz Garvez" school, and as our party entered the different class rooms, the students immediately suspended their studies and were on their feet and at attention in an instant, while the teacher approached us extending a welcome and a glad hand, offering samples of their class work for us to look over. This was a kind of vocational school and it would take too long to go into details, but one very interesting phase of the work was the department where sewing and fancy needlework was being taught. There were fifty or more modern sewing machines in use and the work in silks, satins, and linens that they were turning out was really dazzling to one's eyes. We visited the class room where the English Language was being taught, and while the rest of our party was seated, the writer was extended the courtesy of reviewing the afternoon lessons. The students seemed to feel honored to have a visit from some one whose native tongue was English, and took special interest in answering the different questions involved and all knew their lessons quite well. This school was located in a building formerly belonging to the Catholics and used as monastery, if I remember correctly, until the government confiscated it and converted it into a girls' school. All the students, with the exception of a sprinkling of boys in the commercial class, were girls who appeared to be in their early teens.

At the last we were taken to the top of one of the high peaks of the neighboring Sierra Madre Mountains for a last glimpse of the unique, old world styled city. In my imagination I could picture myself looking out over the fertile valley of the river Nile in Egypt, as we viewed the rich valley with its famous date gardens, oranges and other tropical and sub-tropical growth, with the Hermosillo river dividing it in the center as it spread itself out like a great silver ribbon, wending its way to the Pacific, skirted on either side by the great Sonoran desert. Looking upward again one could view numerous huge vultures, some with black and white wings, as they soared upward and circled, winging their way to nesting and resting places in the high mountain crags far beyond the range of the hunter's gun. We were made to think of Jesus who is the Rock of our salvation, "From the ends of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy." Psa. 61:2, 3. Then after another farewell glimpse of Hermosillo we decided that the party responsible for

naming the city selected the right name, "Little Beauty," which in Spanish is called "Er-mo-see-yo."

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IT WAS TRULY WONDERFUL HOW GOD BLESSED

NORRISTOWN, Pa.—Dear Evangel readers, I want to sound a note of praise and thanks to God for His loving kindness and tender mercy toward us. Oh, that men would praise God. This is my first time in sending a few words to the Evangel. Thank God I can say I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 with victory now in my soul.

I praise God for the way He blessed in a revival which was run for nearly three weeks at Oak, Pa., conducted by the pastor and a few of us. Oh, God did the work, not us. It is a new field where holiness was never preached before. We started there about a year ago. We have a wonderful Sunday School there. The Lord blessed us with about thirty-five on roll and a nice house free of charge to have our meeting in. In the revival seven were filled with the Holy Ghost, four women and three men. God wonderfully met with us each night.

Pray for this place as the people are young in the way, that God will protect them from false doctrine as we are only with them a few nights in the week and no pastor is there with them. Pray that God will continue to save there so a church can soon be set in order.—A sister in Christ Jesus, Fannie Johns.

I PRAISE GOD FOR HIS CLEANSING POWER

FLORALA, Ala.—Dear saints in Christ, I want to sound a note of praise for my blessed Redeemer who has done so much for me and my family. In the year or 1926 the dear Lord sweetly saved my husband and me. We lived the life more than a year and the devil stole our victory. We went back in sin and served

the devil in his fullness to our shame. But praise the dear Lord He sweetly saved me and my husband again and gave us the sweet Holy Ghost, bless His sweet name! We were members of the Church of God in Forest Park at Plant City, Fla. I love the Church of God because it is the only Bible named church that I find. We haven't got a Church of God here but we are praying to God to help us with getting a church set in order and a church building to worship in. There are about twenty-five saints here in Children Home Community. We have two prayer meetings a week and the Lord surely does bless.

I just thank and praise the dear Lord for the way He makes honest hearted people clean up their dirty lives. Clean up, clean out, straighten up and straighten out, if they truly mean to live for the Lord. Thank God, He surely made me clean up and he'll make everybody else clean up from their dirty habits if they make heaven their home. I praise the Lord for His cleansing power that can cleanse a wretch like me. I want all who pray and can think of the little band in Children's Home School Community to ask God to bless us and help us do His blessed will.—A sister whom the Son has made free, Agatha Busbee.

50 CONVERTED, 3 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

STATESVILLE, N. C.—On Nov. 14 we began a meeting in the Church of God at Statesville and continued it two weeks with Brother D. R. Robinson of High Point, N. C. doing the preaching. There were about fifty converted, ten sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church.—T. C. Farmer, 617 Newbern Ave.

WHY HE GAVE SO MUCH

The people that sat in darkness saw a great light (Matt. 4:16).

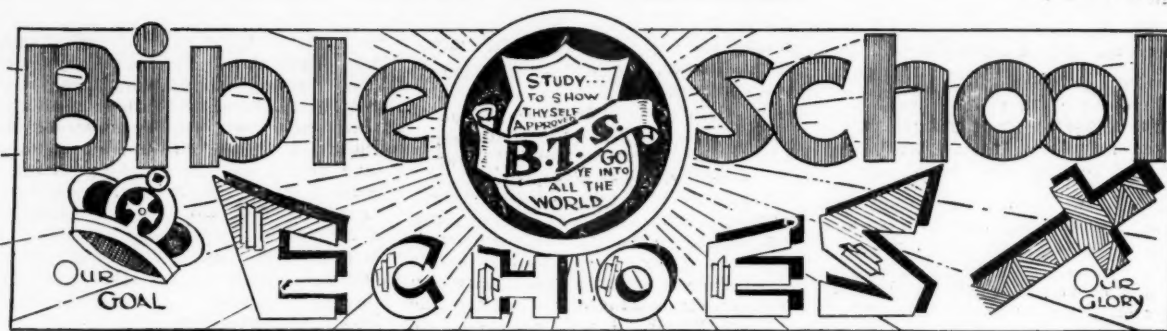
MINUTES! MINUTES! MINUTES!

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NEWS ITEMS

Four M. Girls' Quartet sang at the Church of God at Lenoir City, Tenn., Sunday at all the church services, also at the singing convention. Their singing was greatly enjoyed.

The returns of another successful candy sale secured \$8.00 for the purpose of enlarging our library. Twenty-four boxes were sold in one day and a half.

We are glad to report that two new students have entered school; namely, Etta Fae McDonald from Cleveland and Leonard Doss from Memphis, Tenn.

The Gleeful Five, Girls' Quartet with pianist, sang at the Methodist Church of this city Sunday night in a musical program.

The Bible

The word Bible is derived from the Greek word "biblos" which means book. This precious volume has many names in the Book itself, such as the "Sword of the Spirit," and truly it is. As one writer describes it, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart," Heb. 4:12.

The Bible tells us the story of the creation. We learn that we did not spring from monkeys long ago, as some would have us to believe. We hear the story of the fall, deluge and the call of Abraham and many wonderful events concerning God's people who have gone down on its pages. Again we read from its sacred pages the story of redemption.

The Bible is God's message to man. As we read these soul stirring messages from God our Father it thrills our souls and brings comfort to our hearts. It brings tears to our eyes and a prayer of thanksgiving arises from our hearts when we think how God has preserved His Word. Ungodly men have tried many times to destroy it. Thank God we have it today. We might say it has sailed thru stormy winds and bloody seas. It is still sailing on. I am so glad that we are living in a land of Bibles. Even the poorest of us can possess one. Oh! how we ought to cherish and appreciate the Bible. How we ought to thank God for the Bible. Let us as Christians read more of His Word and realize "Thy word is a lamp unto

my feet and a light unto my path," Psa. 119:105.—Eva Dixon, Gasparilla, Fla.

Twisted Truth

I have chosen for my theme, after considerable prayer and thought, "Twisted Truth," or "So-called White Lies." I shall take for my text Rev. 22:13, "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

Twisted truths are inverted or wrongly emphasized facts. For instance, if John Jones tells his wife something that Susan Smith heard her husband repeat, which someone else reported at the grocery store, it is very likely that when Mary Jones tells it two days later the facts will be arranged in an entirely different manner. More than half the things related about other people are no more than twisted truths.

Let us be careful how we use the truth. Let us not exaggerate for in reality it is a lie. Remember the good Book reads, "Whosoever loveth and maketh a lie —" "Whosoever" does not only mean the sinner or unsaved, but also people who claim to be followers of Jesus. We are the ones to be very careful, not only when we talk to our brothers in Christ, but also in speaking on His Holy Word let us not twist the truth to suit ourselves, but leave it as God would have it. If we are not certain as to whether we are telling the exact truth we should keep our tongues still. James 1:26, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." So we can readily understand that lies are full of deceit. "Oh," one might say, "it really doesn't make much difference if I lie a little in a joke." Be careful. Did the devil ever convince the Christian to commit a big sin the first time after accepting Christ? No, he usually gets those who backslide by some little thing no one will know except themselves. We need to be on our guard, keep on our knees in prayer and think twice before we speak once.

Parents, do not lie to your children. They will soon discover the false pretense of answering their questions and will lose confidence in you. I think Col. 3:21 can be applied to lying parents. "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they become discouraged." Do

you think for a moment Christ just gave mankind the great blessing of children just so they could find something to lie to? No, parents are really stewards over their children as we are stewards over our own lives. The first six years decides as a rule a child's destiny.

Pretense is hypocrisy. Lies lead to hell, and there are so many true, beautiful and honest things to talk about that we must be intellectual paupers when we resort to twisted truths or lies. "For without are * * * whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

It is indeed a great pleasure to be in this wonderful Bible School. I love it and its wonderful teachers. I thank the Lord for the great privilege of coming here where one gets the truth, and it isn't twisted either. Please pray that I may ever be true and be a soul winner for our blessed Savior.—Your brother in Christ, Lyle C. Nelson, Lock Box 73, Niobe, N. Dak.

FAITH

For a scripture we'll take 2 Cor. 5:7. "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Faith is not feeling or seeing. It isn't the law, but "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Faith is needed because we can't please Christ without having faith. In Heb. 11:6 we read, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Faith is needed to be saved. "For by grace are ye saved through faith."

When Peter went forth upon the water to meet Jesus He took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink. Jesus said to him, "O thou of little faith. Wherefore didst thou doubt?"

We can acquire faith by hearing and believing the Word of God. Rom. 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." When we have faith we have access into His grace. "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace," Rom. 5:2. If we are faithful we will receive a reward. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Let's all obtain more faith and say as Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."—A lover and booster of the B. T. S., Velma Moore.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, pray much for this place and for the church here. Also pray for my baby to be healed. He is afflicted and is stricken with sores. We are trusting fully in God because His Word says there is power in the blood.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. P. N. Foy, Jr., Gilbert, La.

Dear Evangel readers, please pray for me and my family. Pray that I'll be faithful to the Lord and for my family to be saved.—Mrs. George New, Glenburn, N. Dak.

I praise God for victory and for healing me of the flu in January. We need your prayers at this place. We are trying to get a church built at this place and the enemy is trying to run us out. Pray for God's will to be done.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Z. G. Campbell, Rutledge, Ala., Rt. 1.

I need the prayers of all the Church of God people that our Lord will heal or save my hand cut up very badly by my car. I had one finger severed and others broken. I will go back on the firing line as soon as my hand is healed.—Your brother in Christ, Marion Harper.

Sister Annie Norton of Rt. 1, Ashville, Ala. requests prayer that God will give them a church there and that her husband will be delivered of the tobacco habit.

Please pray that the dear Lord will send us some good preacher and that we will have a church set in order here. Please pray for my husband. He has a breaking out over his body. I believe the Lord does heal all manner of diseases.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. H. Blackburn, Ashville, Ala.

Dear saints please pray hard for us for the enemy is working but we know if God is for us who can be against us. Without Him we are a failure. We are surely in a battle against the enemy. I thank God for the revival that has been going on here. Brother S. V. Grimes, our pastor, is holding the meeting. There are several in the altar. Two have been saved, two sanctified and one has been filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my husband that he will accept the Lord for the Lord is striving with him.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Vivian White, Magee, Miss.

I am suffering with my back and want the saints everywhere to pray for God to heal me. I had prayer the other day and was relieved some but I want to be completely healed. Pray much for me to live the life so I can soon go to live for ever with my little girl, Lois, who went to be with Jesus on the 11th of this month (January).—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. O. Jeffords, Waresboro, Ga.

We want to especially make public our thanks for the Sunday School and Y.P.E.

of our church at Alabama City and over Alabama. We feel we have a God-called man, Brother Colon Dunn, as our superintendent. We feel that God has prospered our church thru his influence. On account of the serious illness of his brother, Lee, he is at home now. Let's all pray that God will soon heal Brother Lee and that Brother Colon will soon be out on the field again as the harvest is ripe and the reapers few.

I ask that all pray for our Sunday School and Y. P. E. here and all places and pray for me as I try to superintend our Sunday School and Y. P. E.—Your brother, W. L. Williamson, Gadsden, Ala.

I want you all to pray for my brothers and sister and her husband to be saved before it is too late. Pray for me and family and the ones who talk against us that the Lord will show them the light on the Church of God. Pray that He will provide a way for us to be in Church of God services. Pray for the Lord to baptize me with the sweet Holy Ghost. —Annie and F. E. Newby, Atco, Ga.

THE NEED OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENDEAVOR

I am praising God for what I feel in my soul now. Oh, hallelujah! I am glad that I am a member of the Y. P. E. I feel that it is a good thing here for young people. You know the need of the Y. P. E. is to employ the young people's minds. If they don't have something to employ their minds the devil will, so I thank the Lord that we have one at Double Springs now. Oh, thank the Lord for the young people here at this place.

We thank the Lord for a good pastor that will help the young people. Our pastor is Brother M. J. Headley. We have on roll now twenty-one young people and more to come in later. We are looking for a good time in the Lord. All who pray please pray for the Y. P. E. at Double Springs.—Thearman Pearson, Rt. 3, Double Springs, Ala.

CHURCH REVIVED

NIGH, Ky.—We want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel. Our first revival for this year was held at Nigh conducted by the writer. The meeting ran for two weeks. There were about ten converted, four reclaimed, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and eight added to the church. The church was greatly revived and many made to feel like pressing on. Everybody pray for us as we are in a hard place here in this depression time. There is no work here in this country, therefore there is no money here. Pray that the Lord will move in some way. If the Lord doesn't move some way our children will have to stop school for the lack of shoes or clothes.—Your humble servant and brother in Christ, Jesse Sutherland.

HE CAN KEEP US BY HIS MIGHTY POWER

Dear Evangel family, greetings in Jesus' name. I am so glad this morning finds me still saved and the sweet abiding peace in my soul that God alone can give. I am so glad He can keep us by His mighty power and grace amid all the fiery trials of the wicked one when we are obedient.

We are off away from God's people and no one to look to but God. It seems that I've been shut off away from them only just now and then for four years. I am so hungry to be in a meeting where holiness (God's standard) is upheld by the people and repentance preached so strong that people will have to move up on morality and be humble before God. Every year I beg the Lord to move me where it pleases Him. He has allowed me to be over between Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers in the southwest corner of Georgia near the Alabama-Florida line now for more than four years.

I've tried to get holiness preached but with very little success. It seems that a God-sent preacher just needs to come in this section and live where he could evangelize in different communities and get a work started, that, if nourished would last until Jesus comes. The people are thickly settled and big hearted and are just perishing for the Lord. If they just had repentance preached and an opportunity of seeking the Lord they would eagerly grasp it. Oh Lord, do send aid to the poor people perishing for God! Preachers, get busy in prayer and ask God about this place for there are about five or six counties where the Church of God is hardly known and not much holiness has been preached.

There is a band of saints above here a few miles that if the church doctrine was preached to them they would walk in gladly for they are unorganized. Most all the saints came out of another church and are just waiting for an opportunity. Somebody do come over and reap this harvest for the Church of God for it is ripe and ready for service.

The people are all poor but they do open their hearts to the Gospel service and help the cause with what they have. A God-sent preacher and family surely wouldn't perish over here if they would stay God's man and in His will. Please some one come, you can get a house and work (on a farm) if you want it right near here and there is plenty of work for the Lord. A man who could preach, pray and lead singing and who had his own music would suit this place better as music makers are very scarce here. Any one who feels led write me a card at once. I'll tell you more about this territory and arrange for a meeting. I live seven miles west of Donaldsonville. Come over our way.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. E. E. Carroll, Rt. 2, Donaldsonville, Ga.

THE WRONG DISPOSITION

If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you (Matt. 6:14).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson 7 — February 12

JESUS TEACHES BY PARABLES

TIME: A. D. 28. PLACE: The seaside at Capernaum or vicinity.

GOLDEN TEXT: Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8.

LEADING THOUGHT: We should so prepare our hearts that they will be good soil for the gospel seed.



Text: Mark 4:1-10, 13-20.

V. 1. "And he began again to teach by the sea side." The little room or the courtyard would no longer suffice. "And there was gathered unto him a great multitude." Perhaps this is the reason for teaching by the seaside. "So that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land." Jesus made the boat out in the sea his rostrum or pulpit, while His audience occupied the seaside as an auditorium.

V. 2. "And he taught them many things by parables." This was a new method of teaching; the thought or idea was the setting forth of one thing by the side of another, so that the one may be compared with the other. A parable is a truth presented as a similitude. It is something in the world of nature which finds its counterpart in the world of spirit. The parable attracts attention and becomes valuable as a test of character. It reveals light to truth seekers, but withdraws the light from the world.

V. 3. "Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow." This parable teaches us that Christ is the Sower of truth, the great Preacher of the gospel among men.

V. 4. "And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the wayside, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up." Not all who hear the gospel believe it. Some fell by the wayside on the hard path where it could not penetrate the ground. The birds came and devoured it,

or Satan the prince and power of the air plucked the Word out of their hearts.

V. 5. "And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth." On stony ground the seed cannot be planted deep, and for lack of soil in which to take root, it is soon scorched by the hot sun. Pungent conviction and heart searching in a well consecrated life is necessary to produce permanent growth and fruit.

V. 6. "But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away." As the sun absorbs the moisture from the shallow plants, just so Satan overshadows the weak and shallow professor and dries up his Christian experience by trials and temptations.

V. 7. "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit." Those among thorns are such as are surrounded with unfortunate circumstances that offer them many temptations and hinder the Word of God in their lives.

V. 8. "And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred." These are those who receive the truth and love it, and yield fruit not in equal measure, but some thirty, sixty, and an hundred fold. In the first case the seed did not produce anything, in the second it produced the blade, "it sprang up;" in the third it was near producing "but thorns" choked it, in the fourth it produced in different measures, depending upon the yieldedness of the individual hearers assisted by divine grace.

V. 9. "And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." All had ears, and all might hear, but only those who would apply themselves according to divine principle bore fruit. Some folks go to hear some famous preacher through curiosity; they hear but are not sincere.

V. 10. "And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable." Matthew says that "the disciples came and said unto him." This did not happen when He was preaching in the boat; those who asked Him of the parable manifested the earnest inquirer to ascertain the will of God.

V. 13-20. "And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? All who are instructed in the kingdom of heaven ought to understand all parables." Those who inquired were slow to apprehend but desirous to learn.

V. 14. "The sower soweth the word." As the sower broadcasts his seed, so the Word falls upon the ears of the hearers.

V. 15. "And these are they by the wayside, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts." The Word falling upon a calloused heart, hardened by sinning, is immediately snatched away "by the evil one" urging them to continue

on in sin. It is only by prayer that we may be kept from his deception.

V. 16. "And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness." This ground is more favorable than the former, in that it receives the Word with gladness, however, having "no root in themselves," that is, they will not open and let the Word of God penetrate the soil of their heart. Thus, they endure but for a time, "afterward" (for lack of patience) when affliction or persecution ariseth for the Word's sake, immediately they are offended, because they will not abide in faith.

V. 19. The thorny ground hearers, because of the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choking the Word, becometh unfruitful. Like thorns piercing the hand so the affection being set upon the world is pierced and wounded by the cares of this life, because the affection is not set on heavenly things it is rendered unfruitful.

V. 20. The good ground hearers are those who hear the Word, receive it with joy, desire and true devotion of spirit, steadfastly retain it, whether in adversity or prosperity, some thirty, some sixty, some an hundred. For the three bad features of unfruitful ground, here is a threefold productiveness.

THE LORD IS WORKING IN A MARVELOUS WAY

COEBURN, Va.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I want to sound a note of praise for the way the Lord is blessing in the Norton, Va. district. I have recently been with our district overseer over the district and the work surely is moving on. I want to say that this district is in better shape now than it has been for some time. There has been a number saved, and several added to the church. The enemy is working but we are glad the Lord is working in a marvelous way. We, the people of the Norton district, surely do appreciate Brother Vaught sending Brother R. H. Flinchum here as our district overseer. Not Brother Vaught only do we praise but the Lord too, for he surely is a God-called man and is doing a good work. We people on this district want to be one hundred per cent loyal to God and His Church. We have all learned to love Brother Flinchum. He is a blessing to us.

I thank the Lord for the few nights revival which the writer held at Dorchester, Va. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were four saved, one sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. We covet the prayers of all who read this that God's will be done and that I will do just what the Lord would have me do.—Faithfully, A. C. Watts.

THE WIDOW'S MITE

She of her want did cast in all that she had (Mark 12:4).

Where Are The Dead?

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would not prevail.

In Rev. 1:18 Jesus said, "I have the keys of hell and of death," thus He fulfilled Hosea's prophecy and also was in a position to make the statement in Matt. 16:18. He had the keys of hell. He left this world, went to the pit, grave, Sheol, Hades, and preached to the subjects there, and I believe they were waiting for Him to come even more so than we are looking for Him to come to get His Bride. The inhabitants of upper Sheol received His message and atonement and were liberated out of the prison, as Jesus the Christ of God has the keys of death and of hell, therefore, deliverance came. Thank God, the gates of hell cannot prevail against the New Testament church as we do not say as Jacob, "I will go down," but as Paul, "I was caught up." Hallelujah!

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WHERE DO THE DEAD GO?

We are caught up to Paradise. 2 Cor. 12:2-4, "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) how that he was caught up in paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." The thought that I wish to convey here is that Paul said he was caught up to Paradise. The thief went down to Paradise but between the two was the happening on Calvary which caused the Paradise above to be peopled with the redeemed that have passed from this life to the life beyond. Paul says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. The Lord is up, not down, and the redeemed who leave us here below are with the Lord up in Paradise.

1 Thess. 4:14, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." If God brings them with Him, it would be impossible to sleep in the grave, or for the body to be the soul, or the soul the earthly body, as some teach. But when the Lord comes He will bring with Him those who are asleep in Jesus and then the resurrection occurs and the living are raptured together with the resurrected to meet the Lord in the air.

DO THOSE WHO HAVE GONE ON BEFORE KNOW WHAT IS TAKING PLACE HERE?

Dives, the rich man, seemed to know that his five brothers were still sinning and unprepared to meet the issue as he was. Luke 15:10, "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Some one rejoices over a soul that is converted from the path of sin to the path of truth and holiness. One time a young man came to the altar and was

wonderfully saved. When he returned to his seat he began to weep as if he was heartbroken. The pastor went to him and asked him if he was not saved, and the boy replied, "Yes." Then the pastor said, "Why are you weeping so?" He answered, "My mother died and I was yet in sin. Oh! that she only knew that I have become a Christian." The pastor quoted the above scripture to the boy and said, "Perhaps your mother does know."

WILL WE KNOW ONE ANOTHER IN HEAVEN

Peter, James and John seemed to know Moses and Elias on the Mount of Transfiguration, whom they had never seen. Many on their dying beds have expressed that they saw Jesus and their loved ones in heaven, and would then pass away in peace. It makes one happy to go home and see Mother and Dad. It will make us happy to get home and see loved ones of all ages. We are only pilgrims and strangers here. When Theodore Roosevelt was president of the United States he went on a hunting trip and on his return with his big game he was met in New York by great throngs of people. Bands played, speeches were made and cheers heard from every corner. Later a missionary returned from years of struggle and toil in dark Africa and as he landed there was not a cheer, a speech, nor a band. For a moment he was sad and sorrowful and felt as though he was greatly neglected, when he heard an angel whisper, "You are not home yet." Thank God, brethren, press on and do your best for Jesus. We will soon be home. "Then we shall know as also we are known." 1 Cor. 13:9. God bless you.

Then Shall We Know

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and talking with angels! And yet, the Lord said to him, Come on after me, there is a greater experience for you (Cornelius). Send and get Peter (Holy Ghost preacher) and he will bring the light to you and your house and kinsfolk. Acts 10:1-6. While the men went for Peter Cornelius called together his kinsmen and friends. V. 24. Peter came in and began to preach the Gospel to that congregation of God-fearing lawkeepers and while Peter yet spoke the words the Holy Ghost fell on all of them, V. 44, and this was about eight years after Pentecost.

In the 19th chapter of Acts we see Paul about twenty-five or thirty years after Pentecost coming to Ephesus and finding certain disciples (followers) and he cried out to that number of disciples, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since (after) ye believed?" The reply from them was, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."

Then he in return began to tell them to move forward for there is a greater blessing for you. They were obedient to his preaching and walked in the light to a greater experience. Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them and they spoke with tongues. How do we know they were saved before Paul preached to them? Because they were believers and had been baptized and were disciples. So we see that the same road of continuation from repentance and conversion and by the way of the cross to sanctification (Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gates) and on to the upper room for the Holy Ghost, still continued after Pentecost. So dear reader, if you don't have the baptism with the Holy Ghost just take the highway of holiness (Isa. 35:8) for it shines just as bright today as it did yesterday. Prov. 4:18. "But the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more (brighter and brighter) unto the perfect day. And the word of the Lord is as a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway." Psa. 119:105. So all you need to do is to walk in the light of His Word, just continue on the highway of holiness until you come to Calvary's brow and take a bath in the blood of the Lamb and just keep traveling the highway of holiness until you come to the upper room. There tarry until you are endued with power from on high. The promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Acts 2:39. Amen.

The Silent Architect and His Work

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(without the noise of confusion) growth into an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye are also builded together for an habitation of God thru the Spirit," Eph. 2:19-22.

This shows that after the church was built there was a growth to follow. We find that growth in the natural kingdom is by a vital force within, working thru law that originated in the mind of God. We also understand from the parables of Jesus that the growth of the spiritual kingdom is by the same rule. Like the mustard seed that germinates and grows in silence, by the vital force within, until it becomes the greatest of all herbs, so is the spiritual kingdom. It peacefully grows by the vital power within its own realm. The Church being built up a spiritual house that grows into an holy temple in the Lord, its growth must be by the same rule as that of nature and the spiritual kingdom. That is, its growth must be by the vital force within its own bounds, yet peacefully and without the sound of clamor or tumult. Its sacrifices are spiritual and its work must be carried on in the same manner that God does all His work—without the sound of hammer or ax.

Righteousness Exalteth A Nation

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the world. Her powers are not vested her king but in a man, the most outstanding personality of the hour, who before the deliverance of Jerusalem was obscure and unknown. The Papacy, though paralyzed by the Reformation and deprived of temporal power by Italy fifty years ago, has recovered its former status, and everywhere is reestablishing its abandoned purpose of controlling world politics and religion.

Apostasy is closely associated with these movements. Not many years ago clergymen and ministers who questioned the fundamental truths of Christianity were charged with heresy. Today the doctrines of Voltaire and Tom Payne as well as those of Buddha and Confucius, are preached with a tinge of sanctity to congregations that love to hear it. The professors of Christianity no longer believe in the truth of the Scriptures, but under the name of Modernism infidels have wrested and riveted truth. The world of today is not the world of twenty years ago. The spirit of everything has radically changed. Our people do not want to confess that they are not on fire as in days when this last outpouring of the Holy Spirit began but since this depression the cares of this life and the perplexities that we are confronting every day are cooling off thousands of people. God help us to redouble our diligence, renew our covenants with God and carry this message to the needy.

In the last month there has been much said in the papers concerning technocracy. This craze has gone forth with such flattering suggestions that thousands of people are enthused. Multitudes are talking about it who have no idea whatever what is involved in it. In fact, the technocrats themselves have a way of using language that requires interpretation. It is suggested that technocracy will take the place of democracy. The new scheme of government control of all products and finance is the product of twelve years of research by scientists at Columbia University. It is set forth as the only solution of the problem of over twelve million unemployed, less than half of whom can ever expect to return to gainful occupation under the present order according to these experts. They tell us if technocracy is not immediately accepted that millions will starve to death. They assert that use rather than profit must be the measuring rod of survival. They would do away with metal-backed currency and substitute a currency based on the annual products of energy. The new currency would be equally divided among the population, not because they believe in equality but because it would require too much energy to work out the theoretical value of every individual. The proposed currency could not be safely invested or given away. It would have to be spent in a specified time or it would be valueless. Every able bodied

man between twenty-four and forty-five would be required to sign a contract with the national soviet of technologists calling for the delivery of the equivalent of four hours' labor two days a week. This would be enough to run the country so as to give every family the equivalent of an annual income of \$20,000. All stocks, bonds and insurance held by individuals would be surrendered to the nation's technical operating staff.

This is a very flattering suggestion to the millions of poor who are loitering about the streets and country without work. It is stated by good authority that this has been virtually promised, on Nov. 8 in the campaign of the United States and in connection with the promises of those who are to take the head place. The whole world is sick. Something must be done. Money and possessions are not bringing the usual income. Of course this plan of technocracy calls for the control of all business from the inside by the reconstruction finance committee. It also calls for equal economic rights to every citizen of the United States. These rights would amount to a guarantee of support for every one willing to assist under an individual contract in the furnishing of the new social machinery. The technocrats, we are told, in their survey of the industries of the United States found that overproducing and the increase of machinery by the inventors have taken the place of labor. These laborers being permanently displaced they have no way of making a living and it is very necessary for something to be done. They tell us that there is no way apart from revolution to force technocracy on American people. It must be done by propaganda among the masses. The propaganda is already underway. Great mass meetings are being held in the cities. Booklets are being sold by newsboys, and schools of technocracy are being opened. Nothing could stir great masses quicker than to have college professors tell them that every man can have the equivalent of \$20,000 a year for his family for a few hours' work each week. The communists rally to this immediately recognizing it is their own doctrine in a new dress. Others who would spurn socialism are impressed by the new name. Those who follow in line would be guaranteed their maintenance by the government. Those who refuse would be out of luck. Their metal-backed currency would be worthless after a certain date.

Technocracy may be man's best device for saving the human race, but prophecy shows that all such devices will come to failure. Even the apparent successful schemes of the Antichrist will be very short-lived. The iron and the clay are mixed governments and are becoming more and more brittle. The stone cut out without hands is the King of kings Himself. Christ alone will bring the solution of the hopeless world. Look up for your redemption draweth nigh. The deliver-

ance from this awful oppression will come thru a power far greater than man. When man has accomplished his work of devastation then there will be a kingdom set up by Almighty God and this kingdom will solve the problem and not man. This is already apparent to those who are students of prophecy. There could be no more thorough description of the plans that will be put into practice by the Antichrist than the outline of true technocracy. These schemes and plans that man has dreamed of and hoped for, but thousands have thought impossible, will surely come to pass. The coming of Jesus is surely near. Every movement that is being made today by those who are proposing to bring relief to a suffering world is nothing more than heading up and making plans paving the way for the reign of the Antichrist.

The world is crying out for a man who can help them solve these problems. Daniel describes him in 9:23-25. The Bible has many scriptures that bring very forcefully to our minds the coming of Jesus. I am sure that He will come and take away His people just before or right at the time of the appearance of the man of sin. 1 Thess. 4:13-17. There are many other scriptures that tell us of the coming of Jesus but those who read this piece, I suppose, will be well acquainted with the subject. We believe His coming is close at hand. Our prayer every day should be, "Even so come, Lord Jesus." This surely is our blessed and only hope, Titus 2:13; our glorious hope, Phil. 3:20, 21; our purifying hope, 1 John 3:1-3; our patient hope, James 5:7, 8. It is plainly taught in the scriptures that the true believers in Christ with that good experience that the Bible so fully describes, will be taken out of this world. Luke 21:34, 35; Isa. 26:20, 21; Rev. 4:5. These all prove beyond a doubt that the church is raptured before the breaking of the first seal and in the sixth chapter of Revelation the Antichrist appears at the breaking of the first seal. Man may propose but God will dispose. Surely it is a time to cry out unto the Lord. It seems that the people of the church are burdened for prayer and I think it is time to give ourselves wholly to the Lord that we might understand and be wise and be ready to meet Him whose coming will settle all the problems of earth. First He catches away His saints for a period of seven years, then plans and schemes of man will be put into effect by the world's ruler who is described in the Bible as the man of sin. This man of sin must fall upon a lost world and the last week of Daniel's prophecy be fulfilled before Christ gets possession. It cannot be saved by any system of reform.

When one contemplates the things that must take place before man comes to his senses he cannot help feeling sad. The only relief from this bitterness of soul is to win souls as brands from the burning. Are we lacking in power? Have we had a real vision of the sinfulness of man and the necessity of a terrible judg-

ment to purge the earth? If we have we will cry out to God for power to reach others before it is too late. Isa. 9:1. Those who are well acquainted with the Bible know that the little stone cut out without hands corresponds to Jesus coming to reign a thousand years, seven years after the rapture has taken place. He destroys the Antichrist forces with the brightness of His coming and out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword. He will set up a reign of peace for one thousand years, then and not until then will this problem be solved. Rev. 19:11-16. Who is ready for the coming of Christ?

Just a little word of encouragement to those who may be perplexed when you read this. It is plainly stated in God's Word that those who take the mark of the beast shall be finally destroyed and cast into the lake of fire that burneth with fire and brimstone. Rev. 14:9-11. The only danger of taking the mark of this awful personage will be after the rapture for the true followers and those who are ready will be taken out of the world. It is a fact that many, yea, a great multitude which no man can number, will be left here, Rev. 7:9-14, but you need not be afraid of taking the mark of the beast until this beast appears, then the mark will be placed on people, but he will first come and obtain the kingdom by flattery. Dan. 11:21-24. In the midst of the week he breaks his covenant with the Jews and the mark is placed on men. Dan. 9:27. May God help us to be ready for the coming of the Lord and to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man. Luke 21:36, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

NOTICES

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who got saved and sanctified in our revival preached a real sermon. This young man's name is Charles Dunn. Now some of you young people get busy and pray for Topsy that she will receive the Holy Ghost, and write her a few lines to encourage her in the work of the Lord.

Now, perhaps, you may think that our number is small, but we had as many at the Y. P. E. as the Dutch Reformed church at Tappan, N. Y. and the Presbyterian church at Orangeburg, N. Y. put together. The address of the young lady known as Topsy is Miss Florence George, Tappan, N. Y. Thank you.—Helen L. Morrow, Box 37, Tappan, N. Y.

Don't forget the Y. P. E. convention for the Jasper district at Jasper, Fla., Feb. 19. Services start at 10:30 a. m., dinner on the ground. Everybody come and feel welcome.—Floyd O'Bannon, district overseer.

I would like to exchange program sheets with some other Y. P. E. Pray for us.—B. D. Smith, 608 4th St., Phenix

City, Ala.

The Lakeland district convention will convene at Ft. Meade, March 24-26 and will be in reach of all churches on the district. We will be expecting a good delegation from each church on the district which are as follows: Lakeland, Plant City, Kathleen, Auburndale, Bartow, College Hill, Fort Green Springs and we are sure Ft. Meade will give every one a hearty welcome. Bring your baskets filled Sunday, March 26, and we will spread dinner under the large oaks and enjoy a good dinner together while we are enjoying a spiritual feast. Remember the date and don't forget to pray for the convention. Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, will be in charge.—H. L. Chessier, district pastor, 937 N. Ohio Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

Notice to ministers of the Wayne-Mingo, W. Va. district: Our quarterly ministers' meeting will be held at Newtown, W. Va., Feb. 11, 12, 1933 beginning Feb. 11 at 7:30 p. m. Every minister is requested to arrange your work and attend this meeting. It is very important that you be there. Questions to be answered can be gotten from the secretary, E. R. Noel, Dunlow, W. Va., if you will write him sending self-addressed, stamped envelope. Every minister should have these questions and study them and your answers noted as our time is limited that day. Everybody invited to attend.—Roy Marcum, overseer, Dunlow, W. Va.

HE MEANS LOTS TO ME

I am praising the Lord for the way He blessed in McAlpin, Fla. The devil was on the job but the Lord gave the victory. Eight were filled with the sweet Holy Ghost and several were saved and sanctified in one week. praise His sweet name! He means lots to me. We ask an interest in your prayers.—A sister in the battle for the right, Bessie Tyle, O'Brien, Fla.

11 Filled With The Holy Ghost

FERNANDINA, Fla.—Dear Evangel family, greetings. I want to sound a report of the meeting which was started here Oct. 4. The Lord had it run for eighteen days. The Lord surely did work in this meeting. Sixteen were saved, thirteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost. Our pastor surely did preach the Word of God with power. We love our pastor, Elder T. W. Wimberly, for he really is a God sent man.

I thank the Lord for free salvation and for being sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Pray much for us as I intend to go thru and endure to the end.—Mrs. Maggie Reshard (Col.), clerk.

WANTED: Young Church of God man who can play some kind of music and lead singing. Must be saved and willing to give time for the Lord. I am only a young man. The only way I have of going is afoot. If some man and wife sees this and should want to go with me write for further details. Write Wiley E. Wright, Maud, Okla.

To whom it may concern: My address for the ensuing year is Rayville, La., Rt. 2, Box 220. I have accepted pastorate of the church at Dunn, La.—Yours in His service, E. M. Tapley.

We, the Church of God at Lynch, Ky., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Brother Albert York, Sister Vada York, Brother Henry B. Fauts, Brother George Hammonds and Sister Nola Hammonds. Unless they report to Lynch church by reasonable time their names will be dropped from the roll.—W. A. Powell, clerk, Lynch, Ky.

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